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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : YASUO INOHANA ET AL. Confirmation No.: 9249
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 17, 2004 having a period for response set to expire October 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.